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AMENDMENT

MS RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 18, 2006 and subsequent Advisory Action dated July 25, 2006, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.